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Otsego City Manager takes look back at year that was 2025

By Aaron Mitchell
Otsego City Manger

The year 2025 was a great one for the City of Otsego!

We started with a few plans and ideas that we planned on tackling throughout the year, but as you could imagine, there were a few projects that were kind of thrust onto us that needed our immediate attention.

Overall, I am incredibly proud of how all City employees responded to complete project after project when called upon.

You as a taxpayer should feel like your tax dollars have been effectively and efficiently spent to provide quality governmental services.

Grants

We were incredibly fortunate with some of our grant applications in 2025.

Below is a list of the major grants that we received. Some of these grants will not be utilized for a couple of years yet, while some have already been completed.

Doing some quick math, those total $1.7 million.

EGLE Dam Safety – $300K
MDOT Bridge Repair – $650K
MDNRTF – $400K
EGLE Drinking Water – $350K

Projects

Master Plan and Park Plan

Throughout the early months of 2025, the City of Otsego completed an updated Master Plan project, which was two years in the making, and updated our five-year Park Plan, which is filed with the MDNR and renewed, you guessed it, every five years.

The City's Master Plan is intended to be the driving force for all future aspects of the City. This includes everything from development and lifestyle issues like parks and recreation to traffic flows.

Updating a Master Plan is not an easy process, and the result is an up-to-date guide for the next five years.

We simultaneously approved our five-year Parks Plan to submit to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

A Park Plan allows us to compile information on our existing parks, providing residents and visitors with all available information while also allowing us to plan for future improvements.

These plans are required to apply for MDNR grants, which we did in 2025. And we were awarded $400K.

Big plans for 2026.

M-89 Digital Sign

In recent years, throughout multiple public meetings, we were told that we do not make enough effort to inform our residents about happenings and general information about the City.

At one time, we were even told that we needed a publicist.

In a world where how people receive information continues to change and residents are as busy as ever, I would agree that having a publicist would definitely help in that department.

However, a town of our size, with the budgets that we have, cannot justify the creation of a publicist position.

What we did do was add a digital message board element to an entry sign we had been looking at installing.

We went out to bid and found the best vendor who understood exactly what we were looking to create.

Now we have a beautiful sign in a high-visibility location where residents can find all City updates and alerts.

It will be a staple for the City of Otsego for years to come.

Northside Park Arson

The morning after Labor Day, the entire City was shocked to see that Northside Park was set ablaze in the early morning hours.

Instantly, this damage pulled at the heartstrings of many longtime residents, especially those who used their own hands to help assemble the large playground structure back in the 1990s that was now partially in ashes.

Many took the attack personally.

Within a week, we were able to reopen the playground, and a few

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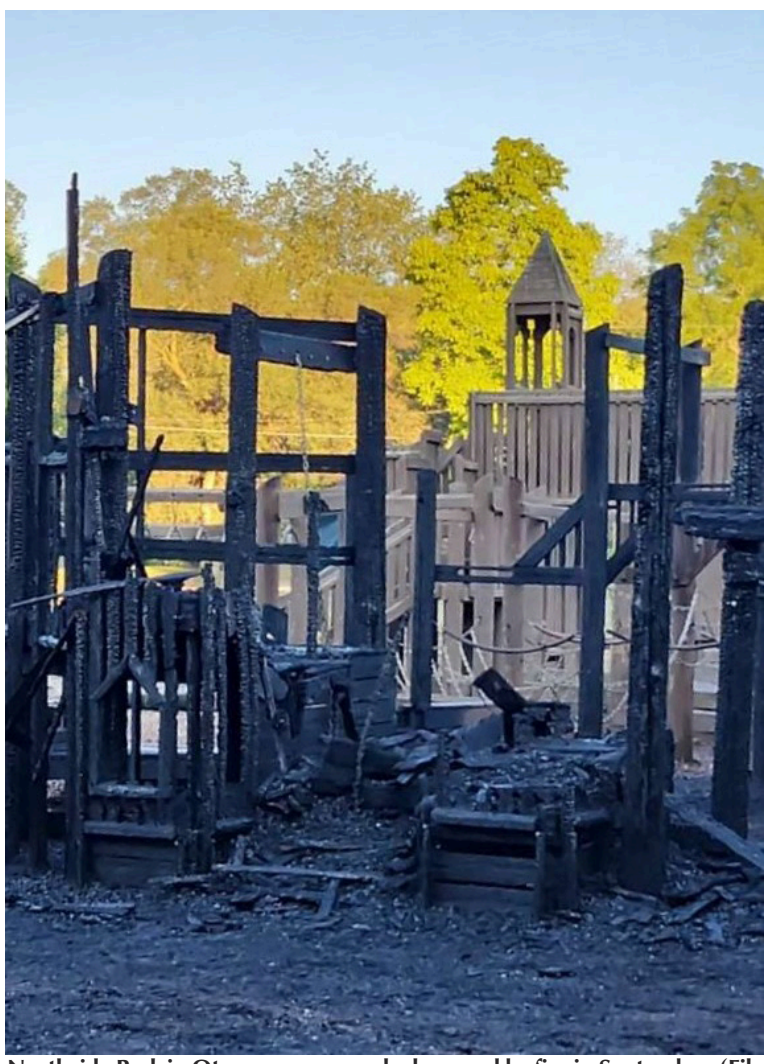

Northside Park in Otsego was severely damaged by fire in September. (File photo)

Otsego Library hosts 'Reading is Snow Much Fun' program

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

For more than a decade, patrons of the Otsego District Library have been treated each winter to the annual early literacy fundraiser, which has transformed the library into immersive, storybook-inspired experiences featuring themes such as *Charlotte's Web*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and *Candyland*.

That tradition continues this year, albeit with a slightly different approach, as ODL presents "Reading Is Snow Much Fun."

The winter fundraiser—which opened Monday, Dec. 22, and runs for four weeks, puts the focus on hands-on early literacy activities designed as a mini children's museum-style experience.

As in past years, the event supports the library's children's collection, with patrons asked to make a donation to participate.

"This winter's early literacy fundraiser is designed to encourage play, exploration and a love of reading," library officials said in a press release. "Families are invited to return each week to discover new activities and experiences."

For this year's fundraiser, each donation includes a peppermint and the chance to add a cotton ball to a giant snowman display inside the library.

The four-week event features rotating activities that change weekly, including a new craft, a fine motor activity and a large motor activity.

A different scavenger hunt will also be offered each week, beginning with a Star Wars-themed hunt during the opening week.

Interactive learning boards will focus on *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, the science of snowflakes and Arctic animals.

Children can also play inside an igloo built with magnetic Snowy Gobidex blocks, explore a wintry early literacy center and enjoy an Arctic-themed puppet show.

Additional features include a snowy seal cave and a photo booth with three singing snowmen.

Library staff encourage families to return each week to experience new crafts and activities throughout the fundraiser.

The early literacy fundraiser has become a winter tradition at ODL, often drawing new families into the library during a time of year when indoor activities are especially welcome.

Past fundraisers have centered around classic children's literature and pop-culture favorites, with library staff and volunteers transforming the program room into interactive spaces for families to enjoy.

"The goal of the event is to get children excited about reading while providing a fun, welcoming space for families during the winter months," library officials said in the release.

The fundraiser is made possible through the support of local businesses and community members who serve as sponsors each year.

Sponsors for this year's event include At the Master's Feet Ministry, B & C Trophy, Berkshire Hathaway – Chuck Kinnane, Edward Jones – Ginger Titus, Endless Destinations, LLC, The Friends of the Otsego Library, Friendship Wesleyan Church, Full Circle Plumbing Services, Library Board Member Eileen Lane, McEwen Law Office, MillAssist Services, Old Mill Brewpub & Grill, Safari Circuits, Tom and Diana Gilmer, and Winkel Funeral Home.

Library staff invite families to bring friends and enjoy the winter fun while supporting early literacy.

For more information about "Reading Is Snow Much Fun" or other programs at the Otsego District Library, visit otsegolibrary.org or the library's Facebook page.

The Reading is Snow Much Fun program runs through Saturday, Jan. 24. (Photo provided)

A snowy seal cave (bottom right) is one of the fun features for the Reading is Snow Much Fun program at the Otsego District Library. (Photo provided)

Bicyclist killed on Christmas night in Gun Plain Twp.

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A day that many consider to be one of the most joyous of the year took a tragic turn in Gun Plain Township on Christmas night.

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The bicyclist was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle, a 40-year-old man from Kalamazoo, was not injured and was cooperative with investigators, police said.

MSP reported that both the vehicle and the bicycle were traveling northbound at the time of the crash.

Heavy fog was present in the area, and the bicycle did not have lights, according to police.

Authorities said no impairment is believed to have been a factor in the crash.

The incident remains under investigation.

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It's time of year when blood donations most needed

By Gari Voss

The snow began early during the fall of 2025. While the normal requirements for blood donations stayed solid, weather related accidents and health rose, and the call for whole blood, red cells, platelets, and plasma increased. Not only did the need arise, but the weather made giving efforts more difficult. The American Red Cross is asking everyone to roll up their sleeves and give.

A quick reminder… Every 2 seconds someone uses blood; 1 in 3 African-American blood donors is a match for a patient with sickle cell disease; 25% of the blood supply is used by patients battling cancer with 8 platelet units used per week per patient for chemotherapy treatment; and 1 in 83 infant deliveries requires a transfusion. In addition, 1 in 7 hospitalized patients will need blood which equals almost 42,000 blood components every day, and almost 30,000 red blood cells are used every day.

A single donation can save multiple lives because a pint of blood can be used as whole blood, red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. A quick course in Blood 101 - Whole blood contains red cells, white cells and platelets suspended in plasma. Red blood cells carry hemoglobin and are essential for oxygen exchange in the lungs. Platelets are small cell fragments whose main function is to interact with clotting problems to stop or prevent bleeding. Plasma is a fluid composed of 92% water and 8% proteins, mineral salts, sugars, fats, hormones and vitamins. Different folks require different components to return to better health.

Overall, U.S. blood donations are low with only 3-5% of eligible people stepping forward to donate. Females lead in the donor department at 54.1%. Within those numbers, 12.2% of whole blood donations in the U.S. come from minority donors, and 26.3% of all whole blood donations in the U.S. are from first time donors.

For registered blood donors, the call has been consistent for O-positive and O-negative blood. 38% of Americans have O+ that has multiple uses, while O- is the most universal but only 7% of the U.S. population is O-.

To encourage these donors to step forward, the Red Cross has offered incentives. For those donating blood between Dec. 20 and Jan 31, extra bonus points can be earned to use in stores. Even more enticing, if blood is given between Jan. 1 and 25, 2026, the donor has a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LX in California with access to day-of in-stadium pregame activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, three-night hotel accommodations, plus a $1,000 gift card for expenses.

Versiti also has incentives for those who donate blood between Dec. 22 and Jan. 3, the donor receives a $25 e-gift card. Just enter code JOY in the online appointment notes. Donors must have a valid email on file and complete the donation.

Those in the Allegan County area can check in with both the American Red Cross and Versiti.

For the American Red Cross donation schedule, check redcrossblood.org and use a zip code. Some of the opportunities:

Tues., Jan. 6, 2026: Hopkins Community Church

Tues., Jan. 13, 2026: Otsego Moose Lodge

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026: First Baptist Church, Allegan

Thurs., Jan. 21, 2026: Griswold Auditorium, Allegan

Mon., Jan. 26, 2026: Hopkins High School

Thurs, Jan. 29, 2026: Hamilton Reformed Church

Tues., Feb. 3, 2026: Church of God, Otsego

Wed., Feb. 4, 2026: Griswold Auditorium, Allegan

Mon., Feb. 23, 2026: Allegan High School

For Versiti donations, check https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip.

Tues., Dec. 30, 2025: Wayland VFW Post 7581

Tues., Dec. 30, 2025: Byron Center Community Center

Wed., Dec. 31, 2025: Holland Hospital

Fri., Jan. 1, 2026: First Reformed Church, Holland

It is estimated that if 1% more Americans donate blood, the shortage would be alleviated. The beauty is that an organization or group can host a donation event with either the American Red Cross or Versiti.

Both organizations give donors the opportunity to schedule appointments that will shorten the time spent waiting to give blood, and donors can choose what type of unit they would like to give. Anyone 18 years and up can donate. Those 16-17 years old will require a parent's or caregiver's permission.

Things to consider before donating would be to drink plenty of clear fluids, eat a balanced meal, and know that there are patients who can benefit from that one bag of blood.

As the American Red Cross shared, "Like the unique snowflakes used to build snowmen and igloos each winter, your reason for donating is unique to *you*. Whether you donate in honor of a loved one, as gratitude for blood you've received in the past, or simply because you want to make the world a better place, we're grateful that you've responded to the call."

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Fennville plans major water, road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements for 2026

By Art Nicholas

City Pursues Low-Interest Bond to Fund $2.5 Million in Drinking Water Projects

FENNVILLE — The City of Fennville is embarking on an ambitious capital improvement plan for 2026, with drinking water infrastructure taking center stage as officials seek to address aging systems and meet state safety requirements.

The city is applying for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) bond, a low-interest loan program offering rates between 1-2%, to help finance approximately $2.5 million in water-related improvements. The financing strategy aims to spread costs over multiple years rather than burdening ratepayers with immediate rate increases.

"The best way to fund these improvements would be through a bond, in order to spread out the costs over many years," according to the city's capital improvements plan.

Well Replacement Tops Priority List

The most expensive single project planned for 2026 is the replacement of Well 8 with an estimated cost of $750,000. The 49-year-old well is critical to the city's water supply, especially following the contamination and closure of Well 6. City officials are exploring federal funding through congressional earmarks, though uncertain federal budget conditions may require alternative funding sources.

The lead service line replacement project, budgeted at $300,000, addresses state-mandated requirements under Michigan's Lead and Copper Rule. Fennville has approximately 100 known galvanized lines that need replacement, though that number could change as the city completes additional investigation work. Officials plan to replace all lead service lines in a single project to reduce overall costs and secure better pricing from contractors.

Water Tower, Main Street Sewer Also Targeted

The city's 50-year-old water tower requires $450,000 in rehabilitation work, including sandblasting and repainting to address rust issues, along with equipment upgrades such as a new generator. The project is expected to extend the tower's useful life by 30 years.

A sewer main lining project on Main Street, estimated at $96,000, will repair a 67-year-old line that suffered a break in 2024, requiring emergency excavation. The original sewer line was installed in 1964 and has experienced root intrusion and overall deterioration.

Major Road and Sidewalk Reconstruction Planned

The most comprehensive project on the 2026 agenda is the 58th Street reconstruction, carrying a $1 million price tag. The work includes full road reconstruction, new sidewalks where none currently exist, and replacement of a 65-year-old water main dating to 1966. The DWSRF funds will help cover repaving costs for road sections where water main replacement is needed.

Wilson Street repaving, budgeted at $90,000, represents a cost-saving opportunity as Allegan County Road Commission plans to pave the county's portion of the road. The 28-year-old street currently rates a 4 on the PASER scale, and its replacement will increase the percentage of positively-rated city roads by 9%.

Additional Infrastructure and Administrative Projects

Several smaller but significant projects round out the 2026 capital plan. The city is installing security cameras at an estimated cost of $35,000 to protect recently built park assets and other city property. The cameras will aid with policing efforts and provide information about vandalism incidents.

The ambulance station, which is 51 years old, needs a new roof at a cost of $50,000. These costs will be shared with other communities that are part of the Emergency Medical Services interlocal agreement.

Administrative improvements include a charter revision commission, budgeted at $15,000, to update provisions in Fennville's City Charter. The charter was last amended in 1996 and originally adopted in 1961. Best practices recommend charter amendments approximately every 30 years.

A retaining wall replacement on West Fennville Street, estimated at $5,000, will address deteriorating timber structures abutting city-owned sidewalks.

Funding Strategy Emphasizes Long-Term Planning

The 2026 capital improvements plan reflects a strategic approach to infrastructure maintenance, with projects scored based on age, condition, and community need. City officials emphasize that the DWSRF bond program's favorable interest rates make it an ideal vehicle for funding these necessary but expensive improvements while managing the impact on water rates.

The projects scheduled for 2026 represent routine maintenance and replacement of aging infrastructure alongside compliance with state drinking water regulations, positioning Fennville to maintain reliable municipal services for years to come.

The complete Capital Improvements Plan for 2026-2031 is available on the City of Fennville's website at www.fennville.org .

Supermarket closes for 3 days, transitioning to Hardings

The Allegan Village Market will be closed for Hardings transition on the following days:

January 6 - 7 - & 8, 2026

They will reopen as Hardings on January 9th, 2026

Also: Moore's Family Pharmacy will be closed to "Inside" business BUT….

Drive through will be open. They will have parking spaces available for waiting & your prescriptions will be brought to your vehicle.

Bicyclist dies when struck by car in Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

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Community Events

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Old Jail Museum – Holiday Hours: Fri., Jan. 2 & Sat., Jan 3, 2025, 10am-4pm.
Warming Station when temp below 32 degrees - First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. then Sun., Jan. 4th, Good Shepherd 101 N. Walnut, Allegan
Wed., Dec. 31, 2025, 5-9pm: New Year's Eve Adventure Party. Allegan Event 439 River St. Allegan
Wed., Dec. 31, 2025, 8pm-midnight: NYE! New Year's Eve Celebration. Downtown Allegan
Thurs., Jan. 1, 2026: Free New Year Day Dinner. First Congregational Church, Trowbridge St., Allegan. Dine In or Take Out.
Until Jan. 4, 2026, 5:30-11pm: Veenstra Christmas Lights. 2187 132nd Ave. Hopkins.
Tues., Jan. 13, 2026, 11am-1pm: Meals On Wheels – Pop Up Lunch, Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut, Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 31, 2025, 5-9pm: New Year's Eve Adventure Party
Allegan Event 439 River St. Allegan
Purchase tickets at alleganevent.com for a fun-filled evening of high ropes, zip rails, climbing walls, games, prizes, buffet, and even the outdoor Sky Tour Zip. After the fun, travel to the Riverfront for the New Year's Celebration, Ball Drop, and Fireworks!

Wed., Dec. 31, 2025, 8pm-midnight: NYE! New Year's Eve Celebration
Downtown Allegan will host an outdoor event featuring massive fire pits, food trucks, hot drinks, live music by Trixy Tang!, a silent disco, ice skating rink, and Michigan's Largest New Year's Eve Ball drop with fireworks at the stroke of midnight.

Thurs., Jan. 1, 2026: Free New Year Day Dinner
First Congregational Church 323 Cutler St., Allegan
3:30-5:30pm: Pick Up Take Out Meals

Mon., Jan. 5, 2026, 3:30pm: Teen Game Day
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Grades 6-12 can join in the teen area for an afternoon of gaming with friends!

Tues., Jan. 6, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime for 0-2 year olds.
4pm: Tween Advisory Board (TAB). All grades 4-7 are welcome to share and plan.

Wed., Jan. 7, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Sensory Play Day. Ages 0-7 can gather for an hour of fun in the sensory bins.
6pm: Pintesting: Cricut Snowflake Mug. Register at 269 673-4625 to enjoy an evening of making mugs.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
3:30pm: Teen Art Hangout. -Grades 6-12 can drop in to make DIY Doorhangers.

Mon., Jan 12, 2025, 6pm: The Art of Ink
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Step into the world of body art and craftsmanship! The exhibit will feature contemporary art. The exhibit will follow with a reception at Tantrick Brewing.

Tues., Jan. 13, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime. 0-2 year olds can listen to stories and do activities.
5:30pm: Book & A Movie – *Crazy Rich Asians*. Come and enjoy the movie and discussion.

Tues., Jan, 13, 2026, 11am-1pm: Meals On Wheels – Pop Up Lunch
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Enjoy a wonderful meal and conversation with family and friends. Seniors: suggested donation of $3.50. Under 60, $5.

Wed., Jan. 14, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Recess for Adults. Come and interact with friends from the Arc of Allegan.
6pm: Water Conservation Workshop. Explore the ecology of the Kalamazoo River Watershed.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime. 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.
4pm: Teen Advisory Group – TAG. Grades 8-12 can drop in and enjoy snacks while chating about favorite things.

Fri., Jan. 16, 2026, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Grades 6-12 rule after hours on the electronic equipment.

Sat., Jan. 17, 2026, 11am: The Art of Self-Defense
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens and adults can join Jonny Puente to learn about martial arts and self-defense.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
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Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
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Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
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Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1st Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2nd Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3rd Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4th Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino's 1290 M89, Plainwell.

Interfaith Sunday Services
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Michigan built one of the largest batteries in the country using water, gravity, and geography. The Ludington Pumped Storage Plant along the Lake Michigan shoreline can generate 2,292 megawatts of electricity when needed, while having the ability to cut back production at the flick of a switch. Photo by Todd and Brad Reed Photography

Looking at hydroelectricity differently

By Gari Voss

Allegan County hydroelectric furnished by the Kalamazoo River has been disappearing over time. The dams from Plainwell to Allegan are slowly disappearing. Those areas are being returned to their natural state with grassland, forests, and basic wetland habitats. Was it time to eliminate these dams and look at other environmentally friendly ways to produce electricity that is in greater demand than ever? Probably.

What will replace these small, but mighty, powerhouses? Wind? Solar? Coal? Gas? Nuclear?

Before leaving hydroelectric behind, electric providers might wish to return to Ludington, Michigan. High above Lake Michigan, there is one of the largest grid-scale storage systems in the United States. It does not have large arms or huge panels that face the sun or black smoke rising from its smokestacks or even pipes filled with gas or lithium. It is a huge swimming pool that works like a giant gravity battery. This is the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant.

The plant was built beginning in 1969 and came online in 1973 in response to the problems of nuclear plants. Where nuclear plants produce steady, round-the-clock power, the production output cannot easily be adjusted up or down thus leaving excess electricity overnight. The Ludington Plant solved the problem. When demand increases during the day, water is released downhill through turbines that generate electricity on demand. At night the downhill flow is adjusted.

Thus, Ludington controlled electricity using gravity, which works much like the same stabilizing role as wind and solar by absorbing excess generation and releasing electricity when the grid needs it most.

The location is perfect with Lake Michigan serving as the base reservoir, and a natural, efficient tank as the upper reservoir that holds about 27 billion gallons of water. Could a similar plant be constructed along the high banks of the Kalamazoo River?

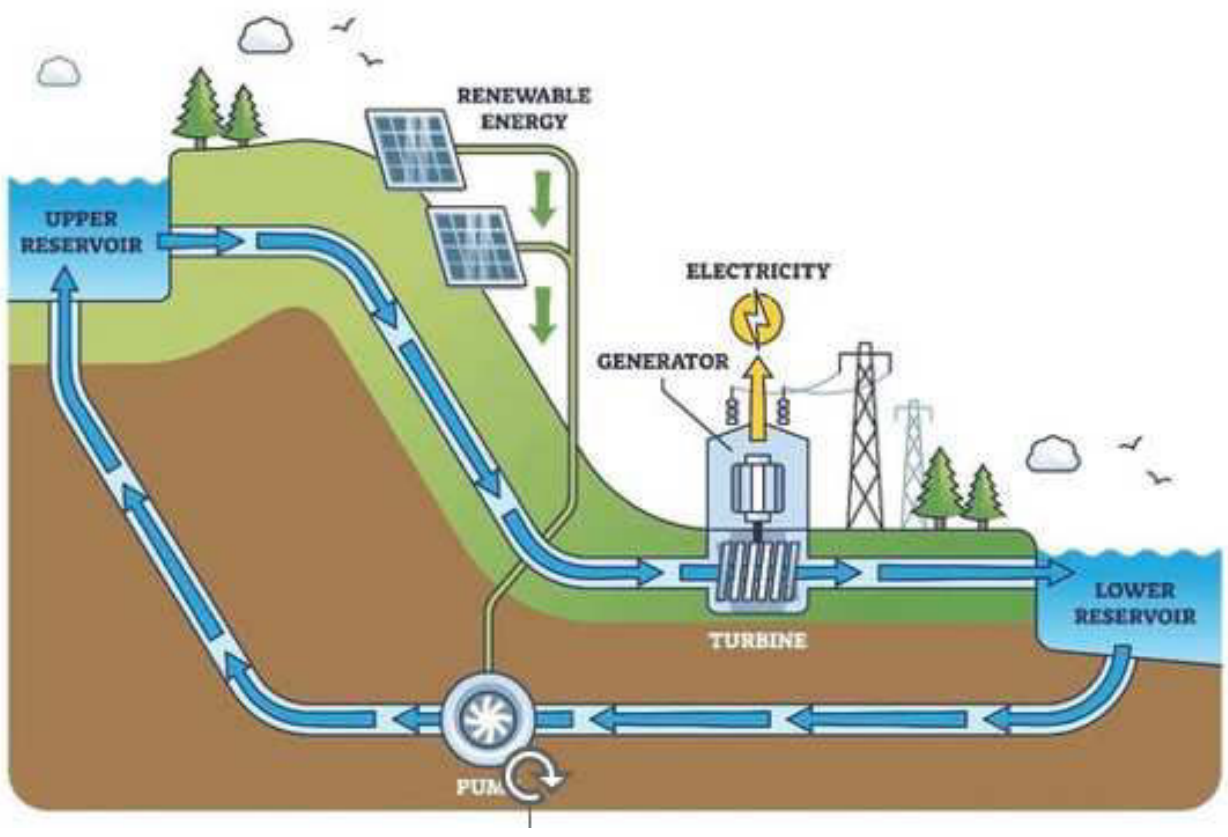
When designing the plant, several factors were taken into consideration. First, water was needed to fill the reservoirs, and that water needed to be easily accessible. There would be evaporation from both the upper and lower reservoirs, so a system was necessary for replacement. The infrastructure required building the upper and lower reservoirs, a pump house with a turbine and generator, installation of tunnels and pipelines connecting the reservoirs, and access to a power substation. For Ludington, it was check, check and check.

To generate electricity, water is released from the upper reservoir, travels through the pipes, spins the turbine that runs the generator to generate electricity that is sent into the power grid when energy demand is high. The water finishes its run to the lower reservoir.

To "recharge" the system when energy demand is low, power is taken from the grid. The turbine is then used to pump water from the lower reservoir to the upper reservoir. The upper reservoir is then refilled and ready for the next downhill run.

In more modern systems, rather than using the turbine to carry the water uphill, solar panels run a pump in the return line. This adds another layer of sustainable energy.

The Ludington Pumped Storage Plant is located about 4 miles south of Ludington on 1,000 acres along Lake Michigan. Consumers Energy shares ownership with Detroit Edison (DTE) Energy. The site is ideal, since Lake Michigan serves as the lower reservoir, and a natural elevation difference of nearly 400 feet makes storage efficient. The upper reservoir is 2.5 miles long and one mile wide and can hold roughly 27 billion gallons of water. It generates up to 1,872 megawatts of electricity, which is enough to power a community of 1.4 million residential customers.



A Pumped Hydropower Storage Plant utilizes a natural water source, geography, and gravity to create electricity that can be controlled according to need. During periods of high demand, water is released from the upper reservoir to travel through the turbine that runs the generator to send electricity into the grid. During periods of lower demand, the downhill water flow is cutback, and the system takes this opportunity to pull water from the lower reservoir to refill the upper reservoir. The Ludington Pumped Storage Plant along the Lake Michigan runs six turbines and can meet the demands of 1.4 million residential customers.

The plant celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2023 after an upgrade in 2013 that expanded its generating capacity from 1,872 megawatts to 2,292 megawatts by replacing its six turbines with more efficient models. Thus, it will continue to have the ability to produce energy when demand is not constant and works in tandem with wind and solar energy generation to ensure the grid always has a strong supply of electricity.

The Ludington Pumped Storage Plant is often referred to as the World's Largest Batteries and an engineering marvel that earned The American Society of Civil Engineers' Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement in 1973 and was named one of Michigan's Top 10 civil engineering projects in the 20th century.

According to Visit Ludington, "The plant can be reached by driving south on Lakeshore Drive, off Old US-31. Visitors can climb to the observation deck, which overlooks the plant's 842-acre reservoir. The view is incredible from the top, with Stearns Beach and the Ludington North Breakwater Light clearly visible in the distance. The observation deck is open Memorial Day-Labor Day."

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Life as Performance Art

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In the 1950 movie "Harvey" Jimmy Stewart plays Elwood P. Dowd, a certifiable eccentric befriended by 6-foot invisible rabbit named Harvey.

It's a light comedy, but at one point Dowd says something meaningful: that in order to be liked, one had to be "Oh, so nice or oh, so wealthy."

On the whole, being liked is a good thing. It comes with advantages such as having a permanent seat at the Cool Kids Table in the cafeteria, being elected president of things, name recognition and so on. Being liked is sometimes deemed more important that good looks for moving forward in life.

In today's culture, those who resort heavily to social media or seek to make their fame and fortune as an "influencer" work hard to accumulate "likes" on their posts. The more likes the more status.

Enough thumbs up and heart icons can lead to more followers. For those who make their living off the internet, more followers mean more advertising revenue. At its finest, it means retiring decades early.

Of course there is a saturation point for all these influencers. It is a rough life, always having to create something new that others will consume. Every creative endeavor is risky because it could fail and bring down the influencer.

The competition is greater because trends and popularity constantly pivot. One change in our culture and the crowd turns against an influencer. It is game over and they are has-beens that lead people to ask, "Who?" It's like the Old West where there is always a new kid with a faster gun.

Even for those who are not trying to get rich via social influencing, there is something addictive about their number of followers and likes. It is competitive, sometimes with a scoop shovel full of smugness: "Oh, I have more followers than you and many more likes." Instantly, they feel like a superior person.

That sort of addiction to risk and success promotes release of dopamine, that feel-good chemical in our brain that shopaholics get after a spending spree, drug

The far greater danger is when someone is so addicted to being liked they will do almost anything to get the next hit. People so desperate to be liked are sometimes willing to trade it for their self-respect. They are willing to sell their souls in return for a short-lasting hit of dopamine.

We can cut corners. It doesn't matter our age or profession. It doesn't take great brains to do it because we can always figure out a method.

Years ago, when I was teaching college history, we talked about academic honesty. In short, no plagiarism. Wikipedia was becoming increasingly popular, and it was a shortcut for students who didn't want to put in the hard work. They could lift out whole paragraphs, change a few words and pass it off as their own.

One of my students apparently did not get the memo on honesty. I caught him when he wrote a term paper that was well out of his league. I asked if he had used Wiki and he was firm he didn't cheat. "My sister did my homework for me," he explained.

If they didn't get caught they got good grades. But ultimately, how would you like to entrust your life to a lawyer or surgeon who cheated his or her way through school, passed their exams and got into their profession? Sooner or later, they will be found out and people will lose respect for them.

Today, it is even easier because of AI, Chat GPT and a host of other programs. Like all clergy, I face that challenge every week. Do I do the study and preparation for the Sunday message, or spend a few minutes and let AI do it for me? Every newspaper writer and editor faces the same challenge.

When we take these shortcuts in life, regardless of the project we are doing or our profession, we lose a bit of our self-respect. We might buffalo others, but we know the truth. As a result, we will forever be looking over our shoulder to see if someone has caught on to us.

Even if we get away with it for years, we know we were a 14-carat fake. Our self-respect is gone. We'll see it every time we look in a mirror. That is no way to live, and we know it.

The British have an interesting phrase they use to say goodbye to someone important to them: "Mind how you go." It is more than drive safely, be careful out there or some other phrase.

This is a reminder about making moral and legal choices, and be certain to make the right ones. Your reputation depends on it.

When Silence Walks Louder Than Shouting

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
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In a world addicted to outrage, the most radical protest I've seen lately involved no slogans, no megaphones, and no demands shouted into the air. It was a line of Buddhist monks walking.

I first noticed this on Facebook. The monks were walking through West Point, Georgia, where I lived for several years. The streets were lined with thousands of people cheering the monks on as they continued their 2300-mile trek across America.

The monks walking for peace are a group of Theravada Buddhist monks from the Huong Dao Vipassana Bhavana Center in Fort Worth, Texas. In late 2025, they set out on a 2,300-mile Peace Walk from Texas to Washington, D.C., moving city to city across the United States on foot. Their aim is simple and audacious at once: to spread messages of peace, unity, healing, and compassion in a country that often seems allergic to all four.

They walk at the pace of the human body, not the news cycle. There are no barricades, no rallies staged for cameras. Just shaved heads, simple robes, and steady steps along American roads built for speed, not reflection.

Led by Venerable Bhikku Pannakara, also known as Thich Tuệ Nhân, the monks are joined by an unlikely companion, a rescue dog named Aloka, whose quiet presence only deepens the sense of gentleness surrounding the journey. They rely entirely on goodwill for sustenance, following monastic traditions that include eating one meal a day and sleeping outdoors. This is not performance. It is practice.

The walk has not blocked traffic or trended for long. There are no fiery speeches or clenched fists. Instead, there is silence, measured movement, and the discipline of putting one foot in front of the other. In an age that rewards volume, this kind of presence feels almost subversive.

That is precisely why it matters.

The monks are not naïve about the country they are walking through. They pass through a nation fractured by politics, shaped by gun violence, economic anxiety, and cultural exhaustion. Their silence is not an escape from reality. It is a refusal to meet chaos on its own terms.

Modern protest often mirrors the anger it opposes. We shout at those who shout. We dehumanize those we accuse of dehumanization. Somewhere along the way, the goal of peace gets lost in the performance of being right. The monks' walk offers a different proposition: that peace begins not with victory, but with discipline.

There is something unsettling about watching people who are not trying to persuade you, recruit you, or defeat an opponent. As they move mile after mile toward Washington, the monks do not ask for agreement or allegiance. They do not explain themselves in sound bites. They embody the values they are advocating. Compassion. Restraint. Inner calm. Qualities that feel increasingly out of place in public life.

Critics may dismiss the walk as symbolic, even ineffective. Symbols, after all, do not change policy or stop bullets. But this criticism misses the point. The monks are not offering legislation. They are issuing a moral challenge.

The challenge is this: if peace is something we claim to want, why do we practice everything but?

We consume outrage like entertainment. We reward cruelty with clicks. We treat disagreement as a threat rather than a fact of living among other humans. Then we act surprised when conflict escalates. The monks' walk, unfolding across 2,300 miles of American pavement, holds up a mirror and asks us to look at our own posture. Not our opinions, but our way of being.

Walking is slow. It forces presence. You cannot multitask your way across a continent. You feel the heat of the road, the strain in your legs, the uncertainty of what lies ahead. In that sense, the walk itself is the message. Peace cannot be rushed. It cannot be optimized. It requires resilience.

There is also humility in walking. You are exposed to weather, to strangers, to discomfort. You pass through communities without claiming them. You leave no debris behind. Compare that with the scorched-earth tone of much of our political and cultural discourse, and the contrast becomes hard to ignore.

The monks do not pretend their journey will end wars or heal a divided nation overnight. They understand that peace is not a switch to be flipped but a practice to be repeated, often without applause. Their faith lies in accumulation. One step. Then another. One mile. Then the next.

The monks' Peace Walk does not demand our attention as it passes through American cities. It invites our reflection. And perhaps that is the most unsettling part of all. Without shouting at us, it asks a quiet question we cannot easily ignore: if peace looks like this, why are we so reluctant to try it ourselves?

Sometimes the loudest statement is made by those who refuse to raise their voices and keep walking anyway.

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Obituaries

Valerie Kyes

Valerie Kyes passed away on December 23, 2025, in Holland, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, John; daughters, Amy (Jodie) and Stacy (Rolfe); grandchildren, Lindsay (Alek), Thomas (Taylor), and Eli; great granddaughter Vivian; niece, Becky; and nephew, Gilbert. Valerie is predeceased by her son, Steven; daughter, Wendy; parents, Richard and May; parents in-law, Walter and Antoinette; and brother-in-law and sister, Isadore and Elizabeth.

Valerie graduated from Muskegon High School and Muskegon Junior College and went on to earn her teaching degree from Western Michigan University and her property and casualty insurance license from

Valerie Kyes

the State of Michigan. Valerie taught elementary school before joining John as the bookkeeper of the insurance agency they owned and successfully operated for 32 years.

Valerie was active in her community. She taught Sunday school at the First Congregational Church and served on the church's Board of Trustees. She led a nationally recognized membership drive for the organization now known as The Arc of Allegan County. The Arc improves the quality of life for children and adults with cognitive, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Valerie was a long-time member of Allegan's Parks Committee and especially enjoyed working on garden tours and the Riverfront Renaissance, a project that transformed an eyesore into a beautiful, accessible community gathering place overlooking the Kalamazoo River.

Valerie had many interests and many dear friends. She was part of a bridge club that met for over 61 years. Valerie and John traveled the world together. A trip to China was among her favorites. Valerie was an accomplished gardener. "Camp Kyes," as their home and gardens became known, was a welcome retreat for family and friends alike. Valerie was an avid reader and a Michigan football fan.

Valerie cherished time spent with her family and close neighbors considered to be family. She looked forward to chats on the phone and loved getting together for meals and special occasions. She was a doting grandmother.

A private memorial service will be held. Memorial contributions can be made to the Allegan County Food Pantry, 1313 Lincoln Road, Allegan, MI 49010.

Saul Kominsky

In Loving Memory of Saul Kominsky

Saul Kominsky peacefully passed away on December 17, 2025.

He is survived by his three daughters: Becky Chappell, Kim Garcia, and Vikki Morrison; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ina-Susan; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; his parents; and his six siblings.

Saul was a wonderful man whose kindness, hard work, and love touched many lives,He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Memorial Service

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Home of

Saul Kominsky

Sam and Kitty Livingston

1091 37th Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010

This will be a potluck gathering. Please bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, and, most importantly, your cherished stories of Saul.

In Lieu of Flowers the family requests donations to your local humane society in honor of Saul's lifelong love of animals.

Nellie Irene Tripp

Nellie Irene Tripp passed away Thursday, December 25, 2025, at Alamo Cove in Kalamazoo. She was born November 26, 1929, in Battle Creek and was raised by her grandmother, Mabel.

For over 25 years, Nellie worked at Allegan General Hospital as an admitting clerk until her retirement.

She was an active member of the Allegan Seventh Day Adventist Church where she had served in many leadership positions.

In her free time Nellie enjoyed crocheting, gardening, singing hymns and playing the piano and organ.

On January 25, 1948, in Grand Rapids, she married Richard Tripp who passed away in 2006. Surviving are her children, Ronald Tripp of Allegan, Philip Tripp of Portage, Mary Summers of Plainwell, Jonathan Tripp of Allegan and Charles (Karen) Tripp of Allegan; grandchildren, Jim Tripp, Mindy (Kirtis) Carpenter and Scott Tripp; great-grandchildren, Sierra Tripp, Julie, Alec, Joel and Justin Carpenter and Jack Tripp; 2

Nellie Irene Tripp

great-great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings, Bob and Jim and son-in-law, Dave Summers.

According to her wishes cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at the Mallory Cemetery in Trowbridge Township, with Pastor Dan Rocher officiating. I

n lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Nellie may be directed to Wings of Hope Hospice.

Messages of condolence may be posted at www.WinkelFuneralHome.com.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF NEW YEAR'S

As the calendar turns, New Year's celebrations mark both an ending and a beginning, a tradition that dates back thousands of years and spans cultures across the globe.

Historians trace the earliest New Year observances to ancient Mesopotamia, nearly 4,000 years ago. The Babylonians celebrated the new year during the spring equinox with a multi-day festival tied to agricultural cycles and renewal. Rather than marking a single night, the occasion focused on restoring balance and reaffirming commitments to the coming year.

The modern January 1st New Year did not take hold until 46 B.C., when Julius Caesar reformed the Roman calendar, creating what is now known as the Julian calendar. January was named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions, often depicted with two faces looking both backward and forward. This symbolism remains closely associated with New Year's reflections today.

Over time, New Year's traditions evolved to include customs still familiar in modern celebrations. The practice of making resolutions can be traced to ancient Romans, who promised good conduct to the gods at the start of each year. Today's resolutions, while more personal than religious, reflect the same desire for self-improvement and renewal.

Midnight celebrations became popular as clocks and standardized timekeeping spread, turning the exact moment of the new year into a shared experience. Fireworks, bells, and public gatherings were used to mark the transition and drive away bad luck, a belief still common in many cultures.

Food traditions also play a central role. In parts of the United States, black-eyed peas are eaten for good fortune, while other cultures celebrate with grapes, noodles, or lentils, each symbolizing prosperity, longevity, or abundance.

Though customs vary widely, the meaning of New Year's remains remarkably consistent. It is a moment for reflection, hope, and renewal, offering communities and individuals alike the opportunity to look ahead with optimism while honoring the year left behind.

We at the Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, are very optimistic for the New Year, and hope it brings good tidings, health, and prosperity to all.

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LIVING WITH GRIEF

BY RONNIE EWING/ AFTERCARE SPECIALIST

LIVING WITH GRIEF, is a monthly column provided by GordenFuneral Residence. Each month LIVING WITH GRIEF will feature some helpful advice as you the reader move forward through your personal grieving process, or simply want to be educated to help those whom you may know have recently experienced a loss, or traumatic event.

Ever heard the saying, "Preaching to the Choir.." or "Practice what you preach.."?

I recently lost my Mom..

You know you can have all the tools, materials, and training needed to push through Grief, but it still comes down to a choice. Moving forward is easier said than done most day's.

For me personally, I had too many responsibilities at first to actually take the time to grieve. Holiday's were the worst! Who is going to embrace the role of the unfiltered conversationalist? Mom was so good at that... She'd say the damndest things! One thing for me, was wondering when the wave was going to hit. Hoping and praying I would be at least, alone. So I could just purge, you follow? My, regrets, thanks, most of all that need to be forgiven, for dumb stuff….

Your choice is, just that. Your choice. You can choose to bask in the waters of sorrow and negativity, or use your Grief for something a bit more constructive. Everyone grieves differently, and there is no correct way to mourn loss. For me it comes and goes. Mostly selfish, is not that the truth about grief?

We miss the position the person held in our hearts and lives. Our considerations rarely focus on our loved release of pain, sickness, etc. What helps me, is knowing my Mom is with her Savior and Lord, Jesus. Where she is, is void of visits to Doctors, being placed on another pill, scheduling another surgery, etc. She can finally be at peace…

And that is what truly helps me, LIVING WITH GRIEF.

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Chamber of Commerce starts Ambassador Program

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego-Plainwell Area Chamber of Commerce is developing a new Ambassador Program aimed at strengthening connections within the local business community.

The program is scheduled to launch in 2026, with the Chamber beginning to build interest and awareness ahead of its rollout.

Chamber ambassadors will serve as representatives of OPACC, welcoming new members and supporting the Chamber at various events throughout the year.

"Ambassadors play an important role in helping the Chamber build relationships and support local businesses," Chamber executive director Miranda Beltran said in a release.

The program is designed for business professionals who want to be more connected, more involved and more impactful within the Otsego-Plainwell area.

Those selected as ambassadors will help promote the Chamber's mission while fostering engagement throughout the community.

Individuals who enjoy networking, supporting local businesses and showing up for their community are encouraged to consider participating.

Those interested can complete an Ambassador interest form, with additional details also available on the Chamber's Facebook page as the 2026 launch approaches.

Christian Neighbors scheduled to host scam-prevention presentation Jan. 13

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Christian Neighbors will host a scam-prevention presentation next month aimed at helping community members recognize and avoid common scams.

The presentation is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, at Christian Neighbors' Education Resource Center (282 12th St. in Plainwell).

A detective with the Michigan State Police will be on hand to share real-world examples of scams, explain how they are evolving and offer practical strategies for staying protected.

According to event organizers, the session is designed to provide attendees with the knowledge and confidence to spot potential scams before becoming victims.

The presentation is open to the public and free to attend.

Class size is limited to 50 participants, and advance registration is required by Monday, Jan. 12.

Registration can be completed by scanning the QR code on the event flyer, emailing jhoffman@christianneighbors.org or calling (269) 685-4166, ext. 109.

Christian Neighbors is a nonprofit organization based in Plainwell that provides food assistance, emergency financial aid and educational programming to residents in the Plainwell, Otsego and surrounding school districts.

In addition to its food pantry and financial assistance programs, the organization offers a variety of free community education classes through its Education Resource Center.

For more information about the scam-prevention presentation or other programs offered by Christian Neighbors, visit christianneighbors.org or contact the organization directly.

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weeks later we arrested a suspect for arson, who pleaded to this among other crimes.

It was a great example of good work across many departments.

The playground is scheduled to be rebuilt to identical specifications in 2026.

Dam

EGLE completed its scheduled dam inspection on the City-owned dam in the spring.

They found a small crack in the northern spillway that could be a sign of a catastrophic situation.

The concern was that the foundation of the dam "could," I repeat "could," be eroding away, which could make the dam a liability from washing away.

Considering the dam is more than 150 years old and is scheduled to be removed by the EPA in the coming years, the costs just to assess the situation were too high for the City to endure.

Fortunately, there was an EGLE Dam Safety grant of $300K that we were awarded, making the project possible.

By the end of the year, the work was completed and repairs were made.

All concerns were removed when engineers reviewed the damaged spillway after the water was stopped.

The findings were as good as we could hope for.

No fear of failure or potential damage—whew!

Going forward, the dam is secured and should not be an issue until the EPA comes in within the next five to seven years to remove it.

Internet Fiber Projects

Since the beginning of 2025, we have had not one but two internet companies come through town to install fiber.

Fiber internet has long been a highly sought-after utility for our residents.

123.NET was awarded the county contract to bring fiber internet to the entire county, and their presence in Otsego was mostly to connect neighboring township properties.

Later in the year, Surf Internet came in to provide actual service to the majority of the City.

When Surf wraps up, there is no other scheduled work planned for the City.

For those affected, thank you for your patience in dealing with the dirt, trucks, and overall inconvenience.

Elks Club Demolition

As many of you know, we recently took ownership of the former Elks Club when the club went under, paying only the back taxes.

Considering the building was in disrepair and after multiple tours with potential developers, it was decided that it needed to be torn down.

The damage made redevelopment impossible.

After demolition, the property was completely transformed.

While we do not yet know what the future holds for this site, for now and the foreseeable future it will remain a public green space.

The old Elk's Lodge in downtown Otsego was demolished in 2025. (File photo)

Sale of Heavy Rescue and Trailer Purchase

One of the biggest questions we have faced in recent years is what to do with our aging Otsego Fire Department trucks.

This year, we were able to update one of those aging trucks without spending much money.

The Heavy Rescue served OFD well for many years, but as it aged, maintenance costs became increasingly expensive.

OFD approached the situation with an open mind and landed on the idea of selling the Heavy Rescue and moving all vital tools and rescue equipment into two trailers that could be pulled behind existing trucks.

During the transition, it was quickly identified that much of the equipment—some nearly 30 years old—needed replacement.

We made the transition with updated equipment and were able to sell the truck for $95K.

OFD nearly broke even on the project.

Going forward, we have updated equipment and are no longer paying maintenance costs on a large aging truck.

This decision will save money for years to come.

While it does not solve all of our fleet issues, it certainly addresses one of them.

WWTP AMP, Water Reliability Study, and Rate Study

Within both the Water and Sewer departments, we have wanted to better understand the long-term plans for our existing infrastructure.

To do that, we must conduct thorough documentation completed by our contracted engineers.

Those studies were completed this year.

We are now able to take that valuable information and apply it to a Water and Sewer Rate Study to ensure we have the necessary revenue when improvements and replacements are needed.

This work allows us to better plan for projects and, hopefully, avoid bonding by paying for projects with cash.

The difficult part is the rate increases needed to fund the work, which will take place in 2026 and beyond.

More information will be shared as we move through budgeting workshops this spring.

Nonprofit Minute

The City of Otsego installed it's new sign at Brookside Park in June. (File photo)

If you attended a City Commission meeting in 2025, you may have noticed something new.

Each month, we invited local nonprofits serving our community to provide updates and share additional services residents should be aware of.

Everyone learned quite a bit.

Each month highlighted the appreciation we have for those who help build Otsego, whether by feeding the hungry or providing vital public transportation.

We are blessed to have caring individuals who step in where needed.

Otsego would not be Otsego without these vital services, many of which are volunteer-driven.

Planning Commission Review

During the second half of 2025, the Planning Commission took time at each meeting to review the Zoning Ordinance.

This allowed all topics to be open for discussion.

A good Zoning Ordinance is one that accurately represents the Planning Commission, and it is important to ensure guidelines remain up to date and reflective of its wishes.

The year 2025 came with challenges, but it is incredibly satisfying to look back and see all that we accomplished as a city.

The City of Otsego wishes everyone a happy holiday season and looks forward to seeing what 2026 will bring.

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Allegan swim alumni visit current Tigers at recent meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

It was a blast from the (not-so-distant) past for Allegan swim & dive coach Carol Gephart when the boys' team hosted Sturgis on Dec. 16.

Six former Allegan swimmers who are now competing at the collegiate level returned to their old stomping grounds to visit Gephart and the current Tigers.

"It was incredibly meaningful for me personally," Gephart said of the reunion. "I'm always so happy to see them, not just because of what they've accomplished, but because they still want to be there.

"It means a great deal to me that they enjoy swimming enough to continue with it, and they're just genuinely wonderful people. Seeing them back felt very special."

Three of the six retuning alumni compete for Aquinas College—Conrad Eichbauer, Titus Smith and Nolynn Coombs. Two others—Mikayla Reimink and Brooke Houser—are teammates at Davenport University.

Maddie Antkoviak, who swims for Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, also returned.

"Many of our former swimmers are home for Christmas, which often brings them back to the pool to swim while visiting," Gephart said. "I always make a point to let them know they're welcome anytime.

"During that period, they were all around, swimming and reconnecting, and it felt natural to invite them back together."

Having the alumni back at the pool was special for the current Allegan swimmers and divers, as many of them grew up watching the alumni

"It had a very positive impact," Gephart said. "The younger swimmers really look up to the college athletes, and having them back in the water — and even helping at practices — means a lot. Their advice carries real weight, and it's inspiring for the younger boys to see what's possible.

"I love having them around. It's a powerful and motivating experience for the team."

The fact that so many former members of the Allegan swim & dive program want to return also speaks to the culture of the program.

"I think it reflects the culture we try very intentionally to create," Gephart said. "I aim to keep things balanced — not overdoing it, not overtraining — so swimmers don't burn out or grow tired of the sport.

"We focus on keeping swimming fun and positive. I hope the pool feels like a second home to them during the season, and the fact that they come back tells me that it was a healthy and enjoyable experience."

Seen are Allegan swim alumni (from left) Maddie Antkoviak (Olivet Nazarene), Mikayla Reimink (Davenport), Brooke Houser (Davenport), Allegan coach Carol Gephart, Conrad Eichbauer (Aquinas), Titus Smith (Aquinas) and Nolynn Coombs (Aquinas).

Gephart cherished her interactions and conversations with the alumni, letting them know how much she appreciates their contributions to the program.

She also shared how proud she is that they continued their careers in the pool beyond the high school level.

"Swimming is a demanding sport, and it takes a lot of discipline to compete at the collegiate level while managing academics and everything else that comes with college life," she said. "Seeing them succeed and grow is incredibly rewarding, and we're all very proud of what they're doing."

"More than anything, it makes me happiest to know that these athletes enjoy swimming enough to continue beyond high school. That tells me their experience here was positive, and to me, that's the most important measure of success."

Gephart is also proud to have had the opportunity to play a role in help to guide the alumni—and all of her former athletes—through their all-important developmental years.

"One purpose of the program is to give kids a real experience of what it's like to be healthy and fit," she said. "I try to teach them the reasons behind what we do and help them leave the program with the knowledge and habits required to live a healthy life.

"Even if my athletes don't end up swimming in college, I feel especially gratified when I see them staying active, eating well and carrying all of that forward into their lives."

Saugatuck's Diaz celebrates 25 years on the sidelines

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK--Even as a young boy growing up in Saugatuck, Andy Diaz knew he wanted to stay involved in sports once his playing days were over.

"It was something my brothers, Mario and Matt, and I talked about a lot," Diaz said. "We always felt a responsibility to give back to the community that had given so much to us."

Diaz has been giving back for a quarter of a century, reaching the 25-year anniversary of his coaching career during the recent football season at Saugatuck.

"Coaching is really in my family's DNA," Diaz said. "From my brother Mario helping start the West Ottawa hockey program with Terry Cutter in the mid-90s, to now coaching sprinters in track here at Saugatuck, to my brother Matt beginning in middle school football when I was still in high school and now assisting with the South Haven girls team.

"Giving back through coaching has always just felt natural for all of us."

Given those family ties, it should come as no surprise that it was his brother Matt who brought Diaz into the coaching community.

Matt Diaz was the JV football coach in Saugatuck at the time and asked his younger brother to join the staff as an assistant coach.

That was in 2001.

After serving as a JV assistant coach for four years, Diaz moved up to head JV coach for one season. He then became defensive coordinator on the varsity squad under current coach Bill Dunn, a role Diaz continued through this season.

"Bill taught me discipline and to respect the process in everything you do," Diaz said. "He was also the one who believed in me and in my abilities."

When asked what has kept him in coaching, Diaz didn't have to think twice.

"The kids keep me in it," he said. "Every year, new groups come in and I get the chance to build relationships with them. My goal is to help them become the best version of themselves—not just in the present, but for their future.

"If you focus on that and do it well, winning games becomes a byproduct of the process."

The same year he started coaching football, then-Saugatuck varsity basketball coach Russ Doane asked Diaz to join him as an assistant coach.

In the years that followed, Diaz served in various roles, moving from head freshman coach to head JV coach.

After his oldest son, Alek, was born, Diaz moved to the middle school level so he wouldn't be away from home as much.

Beginning in 2015, Diaz had a two-year stint as varsity basketball coach at Saugatuck following the resignation of Tom Kazen.

"When my youngest was born, I stepped back again from varsity but later returned for two years as the JV coach at the request of the new head coach, Brian Ward," Diaz said.

For the past two seasons, Diaz has returned to middle school basketball so he could coach while his son Alek was there.

"That was a great experience to share with him," Diaz said.

While coaching Alek ranks among Diaz's highlights on the basketball court, he had a tougher time narrowing down his favorite memories from football.

"It's tough because I've been blessed with so many moments," he said. "From winning our first game and snapping a 42-game losing streak, to beating Fennville for the first time in 16 years, to our first playoff win against Blanchard Montabella, to coaching twice at Ford Field."

Ultimately, though, the memories that mean the most always come back to family, including spending

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Andy Diaz (center) is seen with brothers Mario (left) and Matt (right) during the 2017 football season for Saugatuck. (Photo provided)

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Chib Amaezechi
Plainwell
Boys Basketball

The Plainwell boys basketball team has gotten off to a strong start this season under the guidance of veteran coach Larry Ash.

The Trojans will start play after the New Year with a 6-1 record, having won five straight since dropping a road contest to Edwardsburg back on Dec. 5.

And a big reason for Plainwell's success is the play of returning All-Stater Chib Amaezechi, who leads the Trojans in scoring.

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Changes announced by MHSAA for winter sports

EAST LANSING—The Michigan High School Athletic Association will award District and Regional team championships in girls wrestling for the first time this winter, highlighting a series of changes as the 2025-26 winter sports season gets underway across the state.

The additions are part of a broader slate of updates impacting multiple winter sports.

Ice hockey, gymnastics, competitive cheer, girls and boys bowling, Upper Peninsula girls and boys swimming & diving, girls and boys wrestling, and boys basketball have already begun competition for the 2025-26 season. Girls and boys skiing, Lower Peninsula boys swimming & diving, and girls basketball are scheduled to begin over the next week.

The first Finals team championship in girls wrestling was awarded to Grand Haven at the conclusion of the 2024-25 season, with scoring based on results from individual brackets at the MHSAA Individual Finals. This winter, District and Regional team champions will be determined using the same format as the sport continues to grow toward the possibility of a head-to-head team tournament.

Participation in girls wrestling has more than doubled in recent years, with 1,505 athletes competing during the 2024-25 season compared to 620 during the 2021-22 season, the first year the MHSAA conducted a girls division at the Individual Finals.

Ice hockey also will see a notable change this season, as teams are now permitted to play 27 regular-season games—two more than in previous seasons—plus one scrimmage.

One on-ice rule change also will be noticeable. A puck resting on top of the goal netting between the crossbar and the goal frame is now considered unplayable and results in an immediate stoppage of play. A puck outside the netting and below the crossbar remains in play.

Several basketball rule changes this winter address goaltending. Offensive teams no longer can be called for goaltending violations, eliminating ambiguity over whether a ball was a shot or a pass.

Additionally, once the ball contacts the backboard, it is automatically considered to be on its downward flight. If a player touches the ball after it hits the backboard and the ball has a possibility of entering the basket, it is to be ruled as goaltending.

Another basketball rule change expands the definition of basket interference to include instances when a player slaps or strikes the backboard, causing it or the basket to vibrate, while the ball is on or within the basket, touching the backboard, or within the cylinder.

As was permitted during the fall Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving season, backstroke ledges will be allowed during the Lower Peninsula boys and Upper Peninsula girls and boys seasons in pools that maintain a six-foot water depth. If used, identical ledges must be provided by the host school for all lanes, although individual swimmers are not required to use them.

Also in swimming & diving, during relay exchanges, the second, third and fourth swimmers must have one foot stationary at the front edge of the deck. The remainder of their bodies may be in motion prior to the finish of the incoming swimmer.

The 2025-26 winter postseason begins with the Upper Peninsula Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Finals on Feb. 21 and concludes with the Girls Basketball Finals on March 21.

A one-year calendar adjustment will move this season's Competitive Cheer Finals one week later than usual, to March 6-7, to accommodate scheduling at McGuirk Arena at Central Michigan University.

Competitive cheer Districts are scheduled for Feb. 20-21, 2026, with Regionals on Feb. 28 and Finals the following weekend. The 2026-27 season and future competitive cheer calendars will return to the previously approved schedule, with Finals held during the last Friday and Saturday in February.

2025-26 Winter Tournament Dates

Boys Basketball
* Districts: Feb. 23, 25, 27
* Regionals: March 3, 5
* Quarterfinals: March 10
* Semifinals: March 12-13
* Finals: March 14

Girls Basketball
* Districts: March 2, 4, 5
* Regionals: March 9, 11
* Quarterfinals: March 17
* Semifinals: March 19-20
* Finals: March 21

Bowling
* Regionals: Feb. 18-21
* Finals: Feb. 27-28

Competitive Cheer
* Districts: Feb. 20-21
* Regionals: Feb. 28
* Finals: March 6-7

Gymnastics
* Regionals: Feb. 28
* Finals: March 6-7

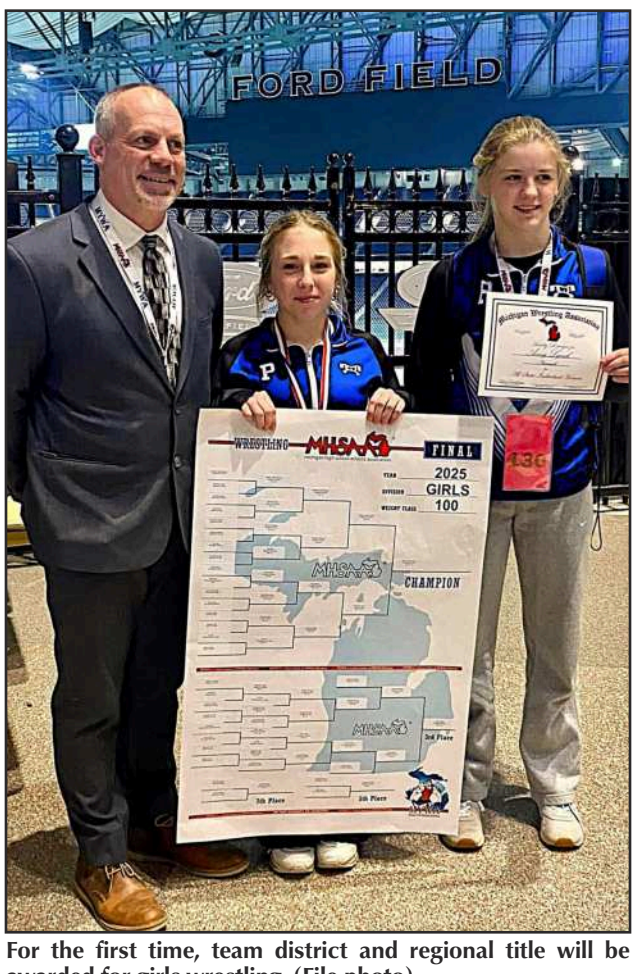
Ice Hockey
* Regionals: Feb. 16-25
* Quarterfinals: Feb. 28
* Semifinals: March 5-6
* Finals: March 7

Skiing
* Regionals: Feb. 9-13
* Finals: Feb. 23

Swimming & Diving
* Regionals: March 5
* Finals: March 13-14

Wrestling – Team
* Districts: Feb. 11-12
* Regionals: Feb. 18
* Finals: Feb. 27-28

Wrestling – Individual
* Boys Districts: Feb. 14
* Girls Districts: Feb. 15
* Boys Regionals: Feb. 21
* Girls Regionals: Feb. 22
* Finals: March 6-7



For the first time, team district and regional title will be awarded for girls wrestling. (File photo)

MHSAA Rep. Council addresses various issues

EAST LANSING—The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association addressed a variety of ongoing topics relevant to its member schools during its Fall Meeting on Dec. 5.

Among the items discussed were the MHSAA's transfer and 5th-quarter rules, updates on several sports initiatives, and the Council's annual elections.

Generally, the Council takes limited formal action during its Fall Meeting, instead introducing topics for further discussion and potential action during its meetings in March and May. At this meeting, the Council approved its annual audit as its lone formal action while laying groundwork for additional discussion throughout the remainder of the school year.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the MHSAA's transfer and 5th-quarter allowance rules. Discussion regarding transfers centered on students who participate in non-MHSAA sports organizations during their early high school years but later seek to compete at an MHSAA member school.

The Council also received an update on the Transfer Tracker tool currently under development. The tool is designed to provide schools with greater guidance on eligibility determinations by monitoring when students change schools after ninth grade.

Conversation regarding the 5th-quarter allowance examined how recent allowances in basketball, football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball and field hockey have aligned with the intent of the rule. That intent is to help schools avoid eliminating sub-varsity teams because of low participation by allowing athletes to compete on both varsity and sub-varsity teams for a limited number of periods each week.

The Council also received updates on this fall's inaugural MHSAA Field Hockey Tournament and the first boys volleyball season, which is scheduled to be played during the spring of 2026.

Additional updates included a baseball rule proposal that would require the use of a double first base, recent viewership trends for NFHS Network broadcasts, and discussions from the MHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. Those discussions included a focus on the statewide shortage of athletic trainers in schools.

MHSAA staff also provided updates on athletic director update meetings, in-service programs, and other administrative topics.

The Fall Meeting also included elections of Council officers for the upcoming year. Brighton athletic director John Thompson was reelected president after completing the remainder of the previous president's term this summer and fall.

Calumet teacher and former athletic director Sean Jacques was reelected vice president after completing Thompson's previous term, while Vic Michaels, director of physical education and athletics for the Archdiocese of Detroit, was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Additionally, Wyoming Godfrey-Lee Schools superintendent Arnetta Thompson and Freeland Middle School principal Jennifer Thunberg were appointed to second two-year terms on the Council.

The Representative Council serves as the legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five members are elected by member schools, with four members appointed by the Council to ensure representation of females and minorities. The 19th position is held by the state superintendent of public instruction or a designee.

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Andy Diaz walks the sidelines of a Saugautck varsity football game. (Photo provided)

two decades coaching football alongside his older brothers.

"I've been able to share all these moments with my two brothers, which is so special," Diaz said. "Growing up, we spent hours playing tackle football in the living room, home run derby with wiffle balls over the pine tree, or one-on-one pretending to hit a last-second shot to win a championship.

"The fact that all these years later we were able to stand on actual athletic fields together as coaches—that's what means the most to me."

The depth of the Diaz family's roots in Saugatuck football is evident in the fact that a member of the family has played or coached in the program since 1981. When Diaz's youngest son, Oliver, becomes a junior, it will mark 50 consecutive years of a Diaz being part of Saugatuck football.

"I'm incredibly proud of that," Diaz said.

Diaz is also incredibly proud of—and deeply thankful for—his wife, Lisa.

"I cannot thank my wife enough," Diaz said. "People don't always realize the sacrifices our families make so that coaches can give so much time to others. She's always there—through the good and the bad.

"Early in our relationship, I'm not sure she knew exactly what she was getting herself into, but she has become the rock of everything I do."

And what Diaz has done as a coach has left a lasting impression on the young men he has mentored.

"I hope they know how much I truly care about them," Diaz said of his former athletes. "They have enriched my life far more than I could have ever enriched theirs. Nothing makes me happier than running into a former player as an adult and seeing how far they've come."

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Ellise Wedge goes for the Gold

By Gari Voss

Just as with the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts have a special community based award that the girls hope to accomplish before graduating from high school. The Gold Award is present to young women who take time to assess the needs of their community then accomplish a task that will address one identified need.

Ellise Wedge has done just that. Currently a junior at Allegan High School and a student in the Early College Program at the Allegan Area Tech Center, Ellise has decided to culminate her eleven years with Allegan Girl Schout Troop 80024 by creating a special firepit in Hopkins. This will be a special place where ceremonies can be held for retired flags to be properly burned.

Why Hopkins? Though Ellise is a student and Girl Scout in Allegan, she is also a member of the Hopkins Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H Club. As the reporter for these groups, she became aware that an Allegan Eagle Scout had built flag depository boxes which are located at the Allegan American Legion Hall and Allegan Fire Station #1. Hopkins had been collecting retired flags, but there was no place in Hopkins to hold the disposal ceremony.

"My project will unite Allegan County members by the remembrance and honoring of American patriotism through a flag retirement ring in the Village of Hopkins," stated Wedge. "Not only will this retirement ring bring people together, but it will give people a place to retire their flags in the respectful and proper order since there in no place to do it in Hopkins."

As a Girl Scout, Wedge has experienced building community through the completion of badges, selling cookies, attending Camp Merrie Wood, learning basic life skills, and interacting with nature.

Ellise Wedge is completing her Girl Scout Gold Award by creating a ceremonial firepit in Hopkins near the Veterans Memorial and Flagpole where the scouts can properly burn retired flags. The project will address a need of the Hopkins community by assisting with putting to rest the flags that have been turned in for disposal. Photo: courtesy of Ellise Wedge

"I think that all of these opportunities, especially selling Girl Scout cookies have improved my skills for public speaking," shared Wedge. "Selling and marketing a product really set me up for the skills I have today for public speaking. I'm always thankful for that along with doing camping and fun things where I hang out with my friends."

The ceremonies at the fire ring held a special memory. "Our troop has stressed learning how to be a role model and respect people who have come before us to make life better for us. Now that we are older, we concentrate more on doing community action rather than completing badges. Learning respect and giving us opportunities to be thankful for what people older than us have done."

When discerning what project could impact the people of a community, Ellise learned that Hopkins honored the veterans and those who had served their community. "Hopkins recently started collecting flags, so my project focused on providing a pit that could get the community involved in retiring those flags. I knew the project would be sustainable and have a long lasting impact which is one aspect of a Gold Award project."

The location will be at the Hopkins Community Reformed Church. "I wanted to place it in the center of Hopkins at the Veteran's Memorial and flagpole, but there was not enough room. So, we are putting it at the church which is right next to the park," explained Wedge. "I wanted it to be seen so others could participate and ask questions to learn about the firepit and the ceremony."

Once the location was identified, the planning and gathering of materials began. "Seabright Products in Hopkins is donating the fire ring and covering the engraving costs," stated Wedge. "To protect it because it cannot be used to burn garbage or other things, there will be a cover. My fundraiser is to place pavers around the fire ring. Each paver will be engraved. People can sponsor pavers to honor someone and have them engraved in memory of people. They can include messages, and put their name or not. The profits from the sale of the pavers will be used to create the remainder of the ceremony area."

Wedge has launched the fundraiser for the paving bricks, the pavers can be purchased at https://forms.gle/eC1eFKA-Kud8rVH2B9 for an 8"x 8" engraved brick or https://forms.gle/ngd-fv9YsPzdk6pvm6 for a 4"x 8" engraved brick.

As Wedge continues her education to complete her associates of arts degree with Lake Michigan College at the Allegan Tech Center, to continue her work with the Hopkins FFA and 4-H acting as chapter reporter, and to raise and show lambs and rabbits, and to share her music at Peace Lutheran Church in Otsego, she will prepare to begin the construction of the Flag Retirement Ring in Hopkins.

The project definitely meets the requirements for a prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award – She will utilize all that she has learned in Girl Scouts to address a need in a community where the project can have a sustainable effect for others. As she states, there is a team of adults and leaders who have been instrumental in honing her skills. Now, she is on her way to successfully completing a project step-by-step that will achieve her desire to show respect and honor those who came before her to make her life better.

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OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF LEIGHTON
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEIGHTON, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted by the Leighton Township Board at a regular meeting held on October 8, 2025. A summary of Ordinance No. 2025-10-08 is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10-08: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, DEFINITIONS, TO INCLUDE NEW DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO MOBILE FOOD VENDING AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, GENERAL PROVISIONS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION PERTAINING TO MOBILE FOOD VENDING.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the Leighton Township Ordinance 2025-10-08 is available at the Township Hall, 4451 12th St. Suite A, during normal business hours, or upon request from the Leighton Township Clerk.

RACHEL FENNEMA, CLERK
LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP
4451 12TH ST., SUITE A
WAYLAND, MI 49348
616-891-8238

NOTICE
Ordinance No. 260

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines and related facilities including by not limited to towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, plies, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' electric lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees, if necessary, in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide electric service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to electric service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' electric franchise adopted by the Township including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 9th day of December, 2025.

Township Supervisor
ATTEST:

I, Brandee Ellis, Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the ordinance granting Consumers Energy Company, an e3lectric franchise, was properly adopted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, and that all proceedings were regular and in accordance with all legal requirements.

Township Clerk
Dated : December 9, 2025.

Notice
of Public Hearing
Watson Township Planning Commission

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, and in accordance with Section 125.3841 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, the Watson Township Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Watson Township Hall located at 1895 118th Ave. Allegan, Michigan 49010. Public hearings will be held and possible action taken for the following items:

1. A request for special use permit from Taylor and Erin Bonovetz, owner of 1827 Fawnbrooke Run, also known as permanent parcel 03-23-015-006-30, to construct an accessory building larger than permitted by right within the A-2 Rural Conservation District, per Section 22.09(b) of the Watson Township Zoning Ordinance.

2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

If, prior to the meeting/public hearing, members of the public have certain questions or wish to provide input on any business that will be addressed at the meeting/public hearing then such persons may contact the Planning Commissioners through submission of written comments by mail or drop box to Watson Township Planning Commission, c/o Watson Township Hall, 1895 118th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010 or by email to the Zoning Administrator at jderry@pcimi.com.

A copy of the meeting materials may be found on links on the Township's homepage at www.watsontownship.org including all application materials. If remote access is provided subject to the Open Meetings Act, as amended, access information and instructions will be provided on the Watson Township website as addressed above.

Watson Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon 72 hours advanced notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by email, phone, or mail.

BRADY COLE, VICE CHAIR
WATSON TOWNSHIP
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616-706-9256

Laketown Township parks workshop looks at invasives treatment

The Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission's second indoor winter program is 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, at the Laketown Township Hall, 4338 Beeline Road.

Ari Henson, restoration coordinator for the Allegan Conservation District, will discuss the cut-stump method of treating woody invasives. Using this method, a person cuts the invasive close to the ground and treats the stump to prevent further growth.

The event is free.

"Ari gives a very informative presentation, and this method is perfect for homeowners," said Mary Jo Bertolino, Laketown parks commissioner and organizer of the winter events. "This procedure is a very effective treatment for homeowners who are reluctant to use herbicides due to overspray and effects on animals and humans."

Henson will go over the multiple options for application containers, benefits of the cut-stump method, and timing and disposal of the invasive species. She will also show how to mix and fill the application containers. No actual herbicides will be used during the presentation.

Other upcoming presentations include:

February: Ben Savoie will lead a free presentation of oak wilt including the cause, prevention and how to stop the spread of this disease, at 1 p.m. Feb. 10. The location is to be announced.

March: Andy Rozendaal, farm director of Eighth Day Farm in Holland, will lead a Kitchen Herb Garden presentation with suggestions for using the herbs in your cooking by Corey Mitchell from The Beard and The Gal. The date has not yet been set but it will be at the Carriage House at The Felt Estate, 6579 138 th Ave. Rozendaal will be bringing herbs to demonstrate a small kitchen garden planter and gardening information for those who have more garden space.

The parks commission started its first winter programs in the first half of 2025 with presentations including hands-only CPR, mushroom identification and butterfly gardens.

This winter's programs started in November with for Native American Heritage Month with a workshop on "Talking Sticks," an object traditionally used in council circles to designate who had the right to speak.

For more information, email Bertolino at parks@laketowntwp.org.

A volunteer removes invasive plants at Saugatuck Dunes State Park in Laketown Township on March 23, 2025, using the cut-stump method. The techniques will be discussed in a free workshop on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, at Laketown Township Hall, 4338 Beeline Road.

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Martin quarterback Gabe Meyers picks up some yards in a game earlier this season.

Jan. 4, 1951

Neighbors override rule to help grocer: Neighbors of Ed Sweet, whose grocery store was destroyed by lightning and fire, have volunteered to make it easier for him to rebuild on a better location.

Sweet planned to rebuild on the same site as his former grocery. The city recently adopted a zoning ordinance didn't interfere with this project, since Sweet had started expansion of his store before new zoning went into effect.

A better location with more space for parking was available across the street, but building a grocery there was prohibited by the ordinance, which had set back for residential building.

Sweet's neighbors Tuesday night petitioned him to permit reconstruction on the new site, but Sweet said that as per the ordinance, he could not do so unless a majority of the residents owning property on the covered zoning regulations approved.

At a special meeting Tuesday night, the neighbors voted unanimously to allow Sweet to rebuild on the new site.

Jan. 1, 1976

Baehre buys Zantello Motors: Effective Tuesday, the Allegan-area Jeep dealer, Inc., of Zantello Motors Inc., just east of the city on M-89, became Baehre AMC-Jeep Inc.

Tuesday marked completion of a sales agreement between Ray Zantello, who owned and operated Zantello Motors Inc. for 11 years, and Gordon Baehre, owner of Baehre Ford & Mercury in Allegan and a number of other area automotive businesses.

The 62-year-old Zantello said he sold the business to transfer the responsibility of running the business so he can go into "semi-retirement" and take some time off once in a while.

Zantello said he will remain with the business as sales capacity at least thru spring, and he added that all personnel at the business will remain with the dealership.

He expressed his thanks to all his loyal customers for their years of steady business and said he "hopes they will come around."

Owner and operator of a garage gas station-used car lot combination in Kalamazoo for 22 years before opening his business in Allegan, Zantello and his wife, Ada, live at 107 Lincoln, Otsego.

Jan. 4, 2001

Koops sworn in, takes over duties as sheriff: As Blaine Koops took the reins as Allegan County sheriff Jan. 1, 2001, part of his ex-chief and administrative staff is in place. He planned to place his staff by hiring an administrative assistant after the first year.

He planned to evaluate department programs and projects in consultation with staff over the next six months.

Koops chose Terry Fisk of Hudsonville as the new undersheriff. The county commissioners approved the hiring of Fisk last week, setting the annual salary at $64,751. Human resources has not yet determined a salary for the new sheriff.

At Koops' swearing-in on his new office Thursday, Dec. 28, solid lines of officers in sheriff's brown uniforms dominated the gallery in the circuit courtroom of Judge George R. Corsiglia. Family members and friends of Koops sat in the jury box.

Before administering the oath of office to the new sheriff, Corsiglia said no doubt Koops would preside over changes for the better in county policing.

"Not only has Blaine had the overall overwhelming support of the professional, law-enforcement community, but also the electorate," Corsiglia said.

The new sheriff addressed his concerns largely to the brown lines in the gallery. "Faith, honor and duty are the credo we live by," he said.

Blaine Koops, flanked by daughters Megan, 16, and Melanie, 11, basks in the glow of public attention following his oath of office. (Photo by Dan Kelsey)

Jan. 7, 2021

Martin football prepares for state semis after long wait: When the Martin football team got together for practice on Monday, Dec. 28, the players were a bit rusty.

Not that Clippers coach Brad Blauvelt was surprised. After all, it had been more than six weeks since his squad had last played.

"The first practice was a little rough," said Blauvelt, who is preparing his team for the Division 8-Playoff semifinals against Lenawee Christian on Saturday, Jan. 9. "But we had some good practices since then. Once the kids got back into the groove and started having fun again, things went well."

The game with Lenawee Christian was originally scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20, but due to a COVID-related emergency order from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the playoffs were suspended earlier that week.

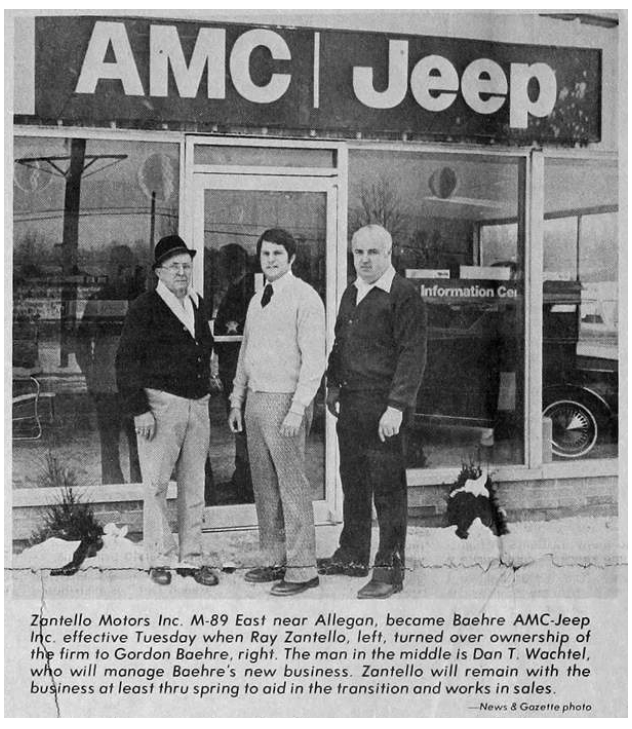
The initial emergency order was set to expire on Tuesday, Dec. 8, before being extended, leaving Martin's season in flux.

"We've been together since June when conditioning was allowed again, so this whole process has been long," Blauvelt said. "Everything is a waiting game and there's so much uncertainty. It's hard to stay focused.

"I thought we were going to play in the spring once the (emergency order) was extended, so when they told us we were going to finish it sometime after Christmas, I was very happy that we got to finish what we started and eventually have some closure."

As a requirement to restart the playoffs, MDHHS is requiring all players and coaches to participate in a COVID rapid-test pilot program. In a COVID rapid-test pilot program, all participants must receive a negative test result prior to practice.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk



Zantello Motors Inc. M-89 East near Allegan, became Baehre AMC-Jeep Inc. effective Tuesday when Ray Zantello, left, turned over ownership of the firm to Gordon Baehre, right. The man in the middle is Dan T. Wachtel, who will manage Baehre's new business. Zantello will remain with the business at least thru spring to aid in the transition and works in sales.
—News & Gazette photo

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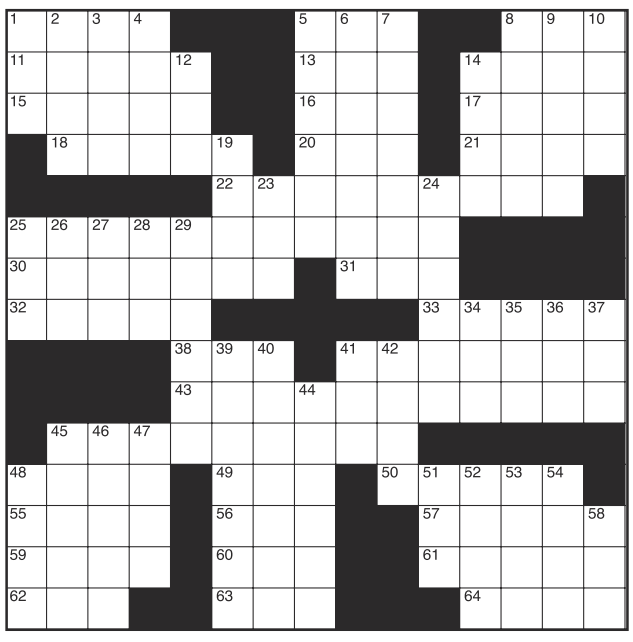

CLUES ACROSS
1. Paddles
5. Sunscreen rating
8. Very fast airplane
11. Immune responses
13. 'Partner' to feather
14. New England river
15. Longest river in New Guinea
16. Midway between east and southeast
17. Israeli politician
18. Back bones
20. Consumed
21. One you can rely on
22. Dressed up gaudily
25. Representatives
30. Dog breed
31. Pitching statistic
32. Manpower
33. S. Korean entertainer
38. Outsourcing firm
41. Viceroy of Egypt under Turkish rule
43. One who removes antlers from a flower
45. Potluck dish
48. Discount
49. Airborne (abbr.)
50. Cavalry sword
55. Basics
56. Hollywood director Howard
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Horsley and Majors are two
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Malaysian isthmus
63. Fall back
64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN
1. Former CIA
2. Baseball's best pitchers
3. __ Nui, Easter Island
4. Invests in little enterprises
5. Constant
6. Hobby
7. A place to store food
8. Short-tail marten
9. Burn with a hot liquid
10. Left his heart in San Francisco
12. Swedish krona
14. Legendary actor Connery
19. French cleric
23. Former measure of length for textiles
24. Opaque glassy substance
25. Residue of burned item
26. A place to unwind
27. Japanese honorific
28. Terminus
29. Fails to make a shot
34. Journalist Tarbell
35. College hoops tournament
36. Monetary unit of Macao
37. Of she
39. Spoke ill of
40. Elements
41. Kilocalorie (abbr.)
42. Shades
44. Poem of fourteen lines
45. Pole used in Scottish sport
46. Hollyhocks genus
47. Street name for marijuana
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52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Confederate soldiers
58. Criticize

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(See Solution Page B7)

Public Notices

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on JANUARY 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam Flagg and Amanda Flagg, to Figure Lending LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2024 and recorded July 22, 2024 in Liber 4959, Page 244 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by FIGRE Trust 2024-HE6, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-One and 13/100 Dollars ($24,761.13).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JANUARY 15, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Otsego, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 11, 2025
File No. 25-015345
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Stille, an unmarried man, and Kathryn Garcia, an unmarried woman, joint tenancy with right of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Hometown Lenders Inc., Mortgagee, dated September 13, 2022 and recorded September 21, 2022 in Liber 4799, Page 950 Allegan County Records, Michigan, and Affidavit Affecting Realty recorded October 23, 2025 in Liber 5080, Page 194 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven and 43/100 Dollars ($322,867.43).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on JANUARY 15, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Salem, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 4 North, Range 13 West, Salem Township, Allegan County, Michigan, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said section 7; thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East, along the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 1051.20 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence continue North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East, along the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 397.70 feet; thence South 0 degrees 46 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance of 199.92 feet; thence South 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 191.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 39.25 feet; thence South 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 170.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West, parallel with the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 33.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 49 minutes 50 seconds West, parallel with the East line of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, a distance of 110.75 feet to the point of beginning, Allegan County Records.

3556 146th Ave, Zeeland, Michigan 49464

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 11, 2025
File No. 25-011186
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(12-11)(01-01)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lewis James Folk, a widower
Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Flickinger Service LLC
Date of Mortgage: June 17, 2011
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 24, 2011
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $208,719.16
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: South 417 2/10 feet of East 208 7/10 feet of West 417 4/10 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 1 North, Range 12 West
Common street address (if any): 1491 102nd Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-9703

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 11, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(12-11)(01-01)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, January 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Rickey L. Marcus Jr., Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2016, and recorded on August 9, 2016, in Liber 4054, Page 442, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 31, 2023 and recorded January 31, 2023 in Liber 4833, Page 151, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and 81/100 ($136,214.81) including interest at the rate of 3.37500% per annum.* Said premises are situated in the Township of Leighton, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the South 200.00 feet of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4; Section 18, Town 4 North, Range 11 West, lying West of a line described as: Beginning on the South Section line 118.75 feet East of the Southwest corner of the West 20 acres of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4; Thence North perpendicular to said South Section line to the North line of the South 200.00 feet of the said West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4. Commonly known as: 1065 142ND AVE, WAYLAND, MI 49348 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. *Modified by a loan modification dated October 22, 2021 and recorded November 4, 2021 at Liber 4692, Page 320, Allegan County Records. Dated: December 11, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Nationstar Mortgage LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00505-2
(12-11)(01-01)

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9am, on Thursday, January 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The foreclosure sale is pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by MOLLY MICHAEL and JAMES HATTEY, Mortgagors, to REI BlueKey, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 19, 2024, and recorded July 30, 2024, in Liber 4961, Page 196, of Allegan County Records, Michigan, which mortgage was assigned to Cassidy Investment Group, LLC pursuant to a recorded assignment, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice $70,645.32, including interest at 10.5% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 4 and 14, Padgham Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 15, Allegan County Records, c/k/a 207 Eastern Ave, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. The redemption period further may be shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3238(10) if the property is not adequately maintained, or if the purchaser is denied the opportunity to inspect the property. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Dated: December 18, 2025 Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee 3233 Coolidge Hwy Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 236-1765
(12-18)(01-08)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gerald J Madalinski II, An Unmarried Man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: August 11, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 18, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $96,054.18
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Allegan Village (now City) Lot 892, and running thence Southwest along the Northwesterly line of said Lot 892 continues, to the Northeasterly line of Marshall Street, thence Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of Marshall Street 75 feet, thence Northeasterly parallel to the Northwesterly line of said Lot 892 to the Southwesterly line of Lot 896 and thence Northwesterly 75 feet to the place of beginning, in said Village (now City) of Allegan, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Excepting and reserving from the above description, 37-1/2 feet heretofore deeded to Grover McAlpine, and as recorded in Liber 173 of Deeds, Page 445, described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 892 and running thence Southwest along the Northwesterly line of Lot 892 continues, to the Northeasterly line of Marshall Street, thence Southeast along the Northeasterly line of Marshall Street, 37.5 feet, thence Northeasterly parallel with the Northwesterly line to the Southwesterly line of Lot 897 and thence Northwesterly to the place of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 535 Marshall St, Allegan, MI 49010-1631

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 18, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(12-18)(01-08)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage dated March 12, 2021, given by Douglas Glen Allan Jr., an individual, to Laketown Enterprises LLC, as Lender, recorded March 17, 2021 at Document #2021006394, Liber 4591 Page 551, of Allegan County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid as of March 12, 2025, for principal and interest, the sum of $71,047.49 (of which $7,700.00 is delinquent); no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said Mortgage; the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; and the Lender having exercised and hereby exercising its right of acceleration as a result of the default;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 15, 2026, at 09:00 AM at the front entrance of the Allegan County Courthouse, 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 49010, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying amounts due and unpaid under said Mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including attorney fees as provided by law and in said Mortgage, and any and all other lawful charges and expenditures from the date of this notice until said date of sale, the lands in said Mortgage known 1165 58th St, Pullman, MI 49450, and further described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 2025
CUNNINGHAM DALMAN, P.C. Attorneys for Laketown Enterprises, LLC
Parkel Hillegers
Rachel L. Hillegonds
321 Settlers Road Holland, MI 49423 (616) 392-1821
EXHIBIT A
Legal Description
The land is situated in the Township of Lee, Allegan County, State of Michigan, as follows:
Parcel 1:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan; thence North 10 rods to the place of beginning; thence 10 rods North along the center of road; thence East 60 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 60 rods to the point of beginning.
Parcel 2:
Beginning on the West line of Section 5, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, at a point 1056.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Section; thence South on the Section line, 40.66 feet; thence South 81 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds East 232.87 feet; thence South 07 degrees 53 minutes 09 seconds West 165.26 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds East 782.23 feet; thence North, 235.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds West 990.00 feet to the place of beginning.
EXCEPT beginning at a point found by commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 5, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan; thence South on the West Section line 1056.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds East 250.40 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence continue South 89 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds East 412.00 feet; thence South 103.88 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 12 seconds West 248.49 feet; thence South 66 degrees 21 minutes 03 seconds West 45.16 feet; thence North 63 degrees 11 minutes 09 seconds West 136.84 feet; thence North 62.64 feet to the place of beginning.
ALSO DESCRIBED AS:
That parcel of land described as S 400' OF N 1456' OF W 990' OF NW 1/4 EX COM AT NW COR TH S 1056' TH E 250.40' TO POB TH CONT E 412' TH S 103.88' TH W 248.49' TH S 66 DEG 21' 03" W 45.16' TH N 63 DEG 11' 09" W 136.84' TH N 62.64' TO POB SEC 5 TIN RISW

Commonly Known As: 1165 58th St, Pullman MI 49450.
Tax Parcel ID: 03-12-005-009-50
12-18 1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on February 5, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jerry Lynn Crowe to Fifth Third Mortgage MI, LLC dated February 20, 2018 and recorded March 1, 2018 in Liber 4225 at Page 326, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $117,740.30. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: Land situated in the Township of Trowbridge, County of Allegan, State of MI described as follows Beginning at the East 1/4 post of Section 14, Town 1 North, Range 13 West, thence North 89º52'11" West on the East and West 1/4 line 1326 50 feet to the South 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, thence North 0º21'27" West on the North and South 1/8 line of the Northeast 1/4 375 02 feet, thence South 89º52'11" East parallel to the East and West 1/4 line 1326 96 feet to the Fast line of Section 14, thence South 0º17'13" East on the East section line 375 01 feet to the place of beginning Commonly known as 706 26th St, Allegan, MI Tax ID. 0321-014-001-10 Said property is commonly known as 706 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: December 19, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-32470
(12-25)(01-15)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ian Vanhorn, unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Sailfish Servicing, LLC
Date of Mortgage: December 2, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 8, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $95,791.67
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The South 165 feet of the North 693 feet of the West 40 feet of the East 780 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 13 West, City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 654 Vernon St, Allegan, MI 49010-1441

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 25, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(12-25)(01-15)

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC, MAY BE DEEMED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, GA 30004 ph:470-321-7112 Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 am on February 5, 2026 The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name of the mortgagor: MARY JO MCGUCKEN. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MARY JO MCGUCKEN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, SOLELY AS NOMIINEE FOR NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, original Mortgagee, for a mortgage dated December 28, 2021, and recorded on January 10, 2022, in Liber 4718 Page 35 in the Allegan County Register of Deeds. Said Mortgage was then assigned through mesne assignments to SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC. as documented by an assignment dated May 29, 2025, and recorded on June 05, 2025, in Liber 5039, Page 316 in the ALLEGAN County Register of Deeds, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $68,570.50. Under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within ALLEGAN County, Michigan on February 5, 2026 at 9:00 am. Said premises are located in the city of ALLEGAN in ALLEGAN County, Michigan and are described as: THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN AND STATE OF MICHIGAN TO WIT: LOT 5, SAWYER & MCINTOSH'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 1. BEING THAT PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED TO MARY JO MCGUCKEN, SINGLE FROM LUCINDA H. THIELE A MARRIED WOMAN BY THAT DEED DATED 07/25/2014 IN LIBER 3856, PAGE 294, INSTRUMENT 2014013888, OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY, MI PUBLIC REGISTRY. ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS, THERE HAS BEEN NO CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS REPORT, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: NONE Property Address: 223 NORTH ST. ALLEGAN MI, 49010 Tax ID No. 51-285-005-00 The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the Mortgage sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Mortgagee/Assignee January 1st, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Telephone: 470-321-7112 Facsimile: 404-393-1425 Service Email: MIFCL-Team@raslg.com
(01-01)(01-22)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on February 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Donnie Newman Jr., a married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC
Date of Mortgage: June 4, 2014

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Public Notices

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Date of Mortgage Recording: June 11, 2014
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $71,263.03
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 30, Like's Addition to the City of Plainwell, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 5, Page 85.
Common street address (if any): 671 Melrose St, Plainwell, MI 49080-2206
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: December 25, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1580598
(12-25)(01-15)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on February 05, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Samantha A Markle, a single woman; Luke J Rice, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: January 12, 2024 Recorded on January 29, 2024, Liber 4917, on Page 208, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seventy-Six and 90/100 Dollars ($213,076.90) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 12 West, described as: the Westerly 66 feet of the Southerly 165 feet of the Easterly 338.25 feet measured along the centerline of Allegan Street of that part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 lying North of center line of street, Section 22, Town 1 North, Range 12 West. Commonly known as 422 W Allegan St, Otsego, MI 49078 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1581049
(12-25)(01-15)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust Estate
Ruth A. Duyster ("Decedent")
Date of Decedent's Birth: January 3, 1942
Name of Trust: Ruth A. Duyster Trust dated August 2, 2017
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Decedent, Ruth A. Duyster died November 18, 2025. There is no personal representative of Decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of Decedent are notified that all claims against the Decedent, Decedent's estate, and/or Decedent's trust(s) will be forever barred unless presented to Trustee, Jack E. Seinen, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: December 17, 2025
Douglas J. Brackmann (P-40885)
WESSELING & BRACKMANN P.C.
6439 28th Avenue
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426
(616) 669-8185
Jack E. Seinen
7163 Adams Street
Zeeland, Michigan 49464

Allegan
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
Trust: The Delores Ruth Immink Living Trust, under agreement dated March 3, 1998
TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Delores Ruth Kole, f/k/a Delores Ruth Immink , who lived at 280 W. 40th St, Holland, MI 49423 Michigan died 11/26/2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Keith A. Immink , within 4 months from the date of publication of this notice.
12/20/2025
Blaque W. Hough P-47697
300 South State St., Ste. 11
Zeeland, MI 49464 (616) 212-9336
Keith A, Immink
3919 Dune Shadow Drive
Holland, MI 49424 (616) 795-0636

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS REVOCABLE TRUST
In the Matter of: The Marietta Kaylor Living Trust
TAKE NOTICE: The Marietta Kaylor Living Trust ("The Trust") was established on July 24, 2012. The Settlor, Marietta Kaylor lived at 806 Highbanks Drive. Allegan, Michigan 49010. Marietta Kaylor was born on November 27, 1939, and died on October 25, 2025.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Creditors of the Settlor, Marietta Kaylor, and/or "The Trust" are notified that all claims against The Marietta Kaylor Living Trust will be forever barred unless presented to: Mary Lou Grazier, Co-Successor Trustee, of 806 Highbanks Drive. Allegan, Michigan 49010, and Anita Roberts, Co-Successor Trustee, of 8207 North Wentworth Street. Post Falls, Idaho 83854 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated:
David F. Kiel (P43048)
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
314 Trowbridge St., P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-66002 DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Ronald Edward Hofstra, Deceased Date of Birth:*July 26, 1952
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Edward Hofstra, Deceased, died September 26, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Penny E. Sugas, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
December 24, 2025
Willis Law
Davis C. Martin P84717.
491 W. South Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 492-1040
Penny E. Sugas
10977 Douglas Avenue
Plainwell, MI 49080
(269) 685-1928

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry M. Zachary and Helen M. Zachary, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Heartland Home Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 4, 2017 and recorded January 11, 2017 in Liber 4104, Page 615 Allegan County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Onslow Bay Financial LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 12/100 Dollars ($71,358.12).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on FEBRUARY 5, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Laketown, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:
That part of the North 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Described as Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Thence North 89 degrees 49' West on the North Section Line 1108.64 feet to the place of beginning of this description, thence South 0 degrees 00' West 250.0 feet, thence South 89 degrees 49' East 78.0 feet, thence South 0 degrees 09' West 553.0 feet, thence North 89 degrees 49' West 142.55 feet, thence North 0 degrees 00' East 803.0 feet to the North Section line, thence South 89 degrees 49' East 66.0 feet to the place of beginning, subject to an easement over the westerly 66 feet.
1748 W 32nd St, Holland, Michigan 49423
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: January 1, 2026
File No. 25-015739
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(01-01)(01-22)

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on January 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing on the following item:

1. Ordinance 533 to amend the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances Section 29-73, TESTING to add the following language: All backflow prevention assembly testing must be performed by a licensed plumber as well as holding an active ASSE 5110 certification.

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed amendment to the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances. Please send all written comments to the address listed below. Comments can also be sent to ccanales@cityofallegan.org by 5:00PM on January 12, 2026.

Allegan City Hall is barrier free. The City of Allegan will provide necessary auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at a city meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring such services should contact the City Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
(269) 673-5511
BY: Carol Canales, Deputy Clerk

THE MICHIGAN WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM: PROTECTING YOUR DRINKING WATER

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IMPORTANCE OF GROUNDWATER

In the United States, groundwater is the source of drinking water for half of the total population and 95% of the rural population. Groundwater is also used for raising livestock, agriculture, and industry. Within Michigan, approximately 50% of the population relies on groundwater to supply their drinking water needs. Community drinking water systems are at risk from many possible contamination sources and no community wants to face the loss of its drinking water.

In an effort to protect this valuable resource, the State of Michigan established the Michigan Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP). This program is a voluntary program for communities that use groundwater to supply their wells.

MICHIGAN WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM?

First, it is important to determine the area which contributes groundwater to the public water wells. Communities will hire a consulting firm to do a thorough review of the groundwater that is supplying the drinking water wells. This study will determine how fast the groundwater is flowing and in what direction the groundwater is flowing. This area is called the **Wellhead Protection Area** (WHPA). An example of a WHPA is included. At the edge of this area, it would take ten years for contamination to reach the community wells. This is the area that communities will manage and protect. Steps to manage and protect this area include:

1. ESTABLISH A TEAM – Identify people that play an important role in groundwater protection. Examples: managers, water superintendents, zoning administrators, teachers, fire department officials, business leaders, farmers and residents.
2. CONTAMINANT SOURCE INVENTORY – Identify known and potential sites of contamination within the WHPA and include in a contaminant source inventory list and map.
3. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES – Provide mechanisms that will reduce the risk of contamination. Examples: plugging abandoned wells and implementing zoning ordinances.
4. CONTINGENCY PLANNING – Develop a contingency plan in case of a water emergency.
5. PLAN FOR NEW WELLS – Provide information on existing groundwater availability, the need for new wells and the vulnerability of the existing wells to contamination.
6. PUBLIC EDUCATION – Educate the public about drinking water protection through brochures, placemats, presentations, newsletters and other educational activities.

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RELIGION SECTION

In I Corinthians 29: we find the verse often used in many churches when it is time to pass the collection plate: "All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." In very practical terms, it means the money we are contributing to our church originates with God, and we are merely returning a portion of it.

Let's take it beyond the offering or pledge drive. The verse is about true stewardship, and it is all encompassing. Everything came from God; everything belongs to God, and we are trustees for a short time.

As we begin a new year, let's think about the most precious commodity God has given us. I believe it is the gift of time. For me, that means how we use, waste, or invest our time is a clear reflection of our faith in God's presence. God has given the same exact amount of time to each person: Twenty-four hours a day. To be sure, we do not know how many of those days we get, but today, if only for this day, he has given us these twenty-four hours.

It's no good moaning, "If only I had more time." It is an equal allowance to everyone from the homeless person to the wealthiest person in the world.

We sometimes ask what was Monet's secret that he could produce so many paintings, or how Bach raised a huge family, taught music lessons, practiced and rehearsed, and created a new composition for each Sunday morning. There are many other overachievers in our world. How did they do it? How did they find the time to do it? We could ask the same question of anyone who is creative in any area of life.

I think, at least in part, we gain some insight from looking at the life of Ernest Hemingway. For him, everything was important. His many fishing trips out of the Florida Keys became important because he used his experiences to write The Old Man and the Sea. His time as an ambulance driver and a war correspondent was important because it led to his novel, The Sun Also Rises. Even his time as a new writer, living in poverty and hunger became important to him because he translated them into A Moveable Feast.

The experiences became the ideas swirling in his mind, he agonized over the first sentence and first paragraph of a short story or book. For him, it had to be right - not just good, not acceptable. It had to be the most perfect sentence he could write.

I believe you and I honor God when we very intentionally do our best job creating anything. The subject doesn't matter, whether it is a family dinner or a great feast; a plate of cookies or a magnificent dessert. We do our best, and whatever time it takes to do the work is returning back to God the gift of time he gave to us.

As we move into this new year, perhaps the most important spiritual work we can do is reflect over how we are going to honor and glorify God by the ways in which we invest the time he gives us. And then, of course, get to work.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

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Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
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Paster Ray Brown

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Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

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210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

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5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

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880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
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Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

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www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
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Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
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Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

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2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

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Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

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Service at 10:00am
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247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

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1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

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323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
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First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
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Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

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269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

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1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

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Pastor Margaret Stoken
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793-7288

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Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
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269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
04077 M40 (M40/CR390)
Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
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269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

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